

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
February 3, 2014 at 7 p.m
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: Cynthia Hyde, Jon Stantz, and Dean Bruce

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Attorney Richard Lorenz, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, Chief Marshal Foutch, Michael Stanley,

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR January 21st, 2013 REGULAR MEETING

John Stantz made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dean Bruce and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Judith Epp presented an event request for the Annual Spencer Pride Festival to be held on June 7th, 2014 on the Courthouse Square. She is requesting that Market and Franklin Streets be closed between Washington and Main. The event times run from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. She also requested the fee be waived for this event.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the event request. It was seconded and passed 3-0.

Amy Arnold, with the Owen County Farmer's Market presented an event request for a Farm to Table event to be held on September 6th, from approximately 3:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. along Main Street. She also requested the fee be waived.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the event request. It was seconded and passed 3-0.

Next up, Donna and Fred Dorsett were on hand to request that two sweetgum trees on North Montgomery be removed and get two new trees replace them. They stated these trees have been damaging to sidewalks and personal property for many years now, and there was no way to contain them and they can no longer handle the maintenance required.

Jon Stantz made a motion to remove the two sweetgum trees and replace when the time is best as determined by Superintendent Parrish. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, the Clerk-Treasurer presented information regarding a service company who offers the ability for the Town to collect payments via debit or credit fees. The annual fee for the Town is \$89.00. Fees for using credit cards, will be paid by the customers. The company offering this is Payment Services Network. The only other charge the Town may be liable for is a handling fee of \$15, which occurs when a card is declined. (The Town currently charge back customers for all nsf and will charge this back to the customer as well). Discussion about expanding this service to possibly include the payment of tickets and other fees followed ensued. Richard Lorenz recommended that approval be made, pending review of all the documents.

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the proposal presented by Cheryl Moke for PSN, pending review of the contract by the attorney and Clerk-Treasurer.

Next, the Clerk-Treasurer notified the Board that there would be a Public Meeting for the closeout of the Hazard Mitigation Grant on February 25th, and Angie Richards would be on hand to open the meeting, and field any questions.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Marshal Foutch reported on the department.

He mentioned that since we have filed in the courts for unpaid tickets, that we would soon be receiving a share of the Town and County court costs.

Next, Chief Foutch requested to allow his son, Seth Miller, to continue his education and training as a Reserve Officer.

Dean Bruce made a motion to add Seth Miller to the Reserve Officer list, motion was seconded and passed 2-0, with Jon Stantz abstaining.

Richard Lorenz reported that the schools have made the decision to fund and hire police officers independently.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish presented estimates for installing generators to the Street building facilities and the Municipal Building. The estimates totaled around \$28,000. The Board suggested he contact someone else, possibly Cassidy Electric, to get a second estimate for comparison.

Larry Parrish reported that, at this time, the town is still doing okay with their salt supply. He is also in contact with his supplier to see if he can get more, if needed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on the plant operations and maintenance.

A sewer adjustment was requested by Don Keys, for Spencer Car Wash. They have not used a well for the past two months, but were getting billed the minimum charge. Since there was no water, he asked that the minimum sewer charge be removed.

Dean Bruce made a motion that the application for adjustment of sewer bill be approved in the amount of \$226.90. The motion was seconded and passed.

Richard Lorenz reported that the YMCA will be requesting an adjustment in the near future for a long-time water leak they have been experiencing.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz presented Ordinance for Flood Hazard Areas, 2014-01 for approval.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-01 as presented. Motion was seconded and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

John Hodge requested that the Sewer Dept hours be updated on the website. Dean Bruce will update the site with the most recent information.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for approval.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the claims as presented. It was seconded and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Dean Bruce motioned to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Cynthia Hyde, President

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Dean Bruce, Board Member

Attest:_____

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer